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MOREHEAD GETS “READY FOR THE RAIN”

LEXINGTON, KY – This Saturday a new outreach event sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in Morehead will deliver one powerful message: the cycle of flooding, damage, repair and re-flooding can stop. There is hope. There are ways to be “Ready for the Rain.”

The first Ready for the Rain event will kick off from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 29 at Wilkinson Blvd. and Candlelite Way. People who have had success with disaster recovery will offer fresh ideas and lessons learned to help Kentuckians help themselves. Morehead is the first stop in a statewide effort to reach out to disaster survivors in communities throughout Kentucky.

“We can’t fight nature,” said Mark Carey, Deputy Federal Coordinating Officer for FEMA in Kentucky, “but the people of Morehead can learn ways to lessen its effects.”

The event will emphasize flood safety and personal preparedness, as well as practical techniques that can reduce or eliminate vulnerability to flood damage. Ready for the Rain also hopes to create networking opportunities for families, neighbors, non-profits and businesses. These networks can support and speed disaster recovery efforts.

Morehead Mayor David Perkins and Morehead building official Joe Parsons will participate in Ready for the Rain. Representatives from FEMA, the U.S. Small Business Administration, the Morehead Chamber of Commerce, Morehead Habitat for Humanity, the local Red Cross, and other community leaders are expected to join in the event.

With Ready for the Rain, Kentuckians together can make a difference *before* the creek rises.

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FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

FEMA's temporary housing assistance and grants for public transportation expenses, medical and dental expenses, and funeral and burial expenses do not require individuals to apply for an SBA loan. However, applicants who receive SBA loan applications must submit them to the SBA to be eligible for assistance that covers personal property, vehicle repair or replacement, and moving and storage expenses.